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REPORT OF THE BOARD OF STEWARDS
LOS ALAMITOS QUARTER HORSE RACING ASSOCIATION
TO THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD

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Report of the Board of Stewards for the week of February 25, 2020 through March 1, 2020.

Tuesday

02/25/2020

(1) ENTRIES

Steward Scott Chaney oversaw entries for this Friday night and will author the minutes this week.

Wednesday

02/26/2020

(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Saturday night and changes to Friday's card.

Thursday

02/27/2020

(1) ENTRIES AND SCRATCHES

Steward Scott Chaney was present to oversee entries for Sunday night and changes to Saturday's card.

Friday

02/28/2020

(1) FILM REVIEW

Jockey JUAN PABLO LEON was fined in the following ruling for a crop violation last Sunday:

Ruling # 52

JOCKEY JUAN PABLO LEON IS FINED THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$300.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-THIRD OFFENSE WITHIN THE PREVIOUS 60 DAY PERIOD), DURING THE RUNNING OF THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 23, 2020.

(2) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#2 Mountain View – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$254.00.
2 nd Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
3 rd Race	#3 Sienna – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$180.00
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00.

5th Race #6 Tori Bowie – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$635.00.
 6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00.
 7th Race #3 Pow Wow – Stewards' scratch, entered back
 #4 L Bar D Genuine Red – Rider change – V. Bednar for J. Pablo Leon (sick)
 Refund \$0.00.

(3) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	491	\$50,991.70
Off track	1,705	\$164,159.40
Out of state	N/A	\$561,864.56
Total	2,196	\$777,015.66

Saturday
 02/29/2020

(1) STEWARD SHUFFLE

For the remainder of the weekend, Steward Dave Nuesch will be “in the stand” filling in for Scott Chaney. As a result, Paul Atkinson was brought in to fill the role of Safety Steward.

(2) FLORES RULING

After receiving the Board's determination of our proposed decision regarding trainer JOSE FLORES, we issued the following ruling:

Ruling #53

IN ACCORDANCE WITH A DECISION BY THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD, TRAINER JOSE FLORES IS SUSPENDED FORTY FIVE (45) DAYS (MARCH 1ST, 2020 THROUGH APRIL 14TH, 2020) PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (a, b & d) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES) AND #1843.1 (a) (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES- AMPHETAMINE AND D-METHAMPHETAMINE).

FOR GOOD CAUSE, THE SUSPENSION IS REDUCED TO THIRTY (30) DAYS (MARCH 1ST, 2020 THROUGH MARCH 30, 2020) PROVIDED THAT JOSE FLORES AGREES TO DRUG TEST ALL NEW EMPLOYEES AS PROVIDED BY GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 11517 (C)(2)(B).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF JOSE FLORES ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE) MR. FLORES IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(3) WILLOUGHBY RULING

This afternoon we held an informal hearing regarding case #19LA0260. After all the facts of the case were heard, the Stewards deliberated and issued the following ruling:

Ruling #54

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1887 (TRAINER OR OWNER TO INSURE CONDITION OF HORSE) TRAINER SCOTT WILLOUGHBY, WHO STARTED THE HORSE “SOUNDS GOOD”, THE SECOND PLACE FINISHER IN THE FOURTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON OCTOBER 27, 2019, IS FINED FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00)* FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1843 (A & D) (MEDICATION, DRUGS AND OTHER SUBSTANCES), AND #1843.1 (PROHIBITED DRUG SUBSTANCES) AND #1844 (F)(9) (AUTHORIZED MEDICATION-METHOCARBAMOL (7.0 NG/ML) IN EXCESS OF AUTHORIZED LEVEL (1.0 NG/ML)).

(4) CERVANTES SUSPENSION

As a result of multiple crop violations, the most recent coming in last night's sixth race, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

Ruling #55

JOCKEY ARMANDO CERVANTES IS SUSPENDED FOR THREE (3) RACING DAYS (MARCH 7TH, 8TH, AND 13TH, 2020) FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION, WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-FOURTH OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST 60 DAYS) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 28, 2020.

(5) RULING #56

The following ruling was issued as a result of jockey Frank Johnson failing a random drug test.

Ruling #56

JOCKEY FRANKLIN JOHNSON IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULES #1500.1 (RANDOM DRUG TESTING) AND #1489 (A)(8) (ENGAGED IN THE USE OF DRUGS-MARIJUANA). ADDITIONALLY, FRANKLIN JOHNSON IS REQUIRED TO SIGN A TESTING AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD AND REMAIN ON PROBATION FOR AS LONG AS HE HOLDS A LICENSE ISSUED BY THE CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD.

(6) GOOD RACING

This evening's seven race card was conducted with no notable incidents.

(7) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1st Race #5 Songbird Eydie – Rider change – C. Figueroa for G. Vera (overweight)
#7 Zackee – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$263.00.
2nd Race #2 Brighton Boy – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald
Refund \$165.00.
3rd Race No changes; Refund \$0.00.
4th Race #4 Redhotnreadytowed – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$94.00.
5th Race #1 Put It There – Stewards' scratch, panel recommendation
#2 Ladies Man – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$175.00.
6th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00.
7th Race No changes; Refund \$0.00.

(8) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	601	\$57,225.70
Off track	1,843	\$208,128.30
Out of state	N/A	\$718,523.85
Total	2,444	\$983,877.85

Sunday
03/01/2020

(1) FRANCO RULING

As a result of blatantly violating the crop rule, jockey Cesar Franco was issued the following suspension.

Ruling #57

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUSPENDED FOR FIVE (5) RACING DAYS (MARCH 8TH, 13TH, 14TH, 15TH, AND 20TH, 2020) FOR A BLATANT VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1688(b)(6) (USE OF RIDING CROP-MORE THAN THREE TIMES IN SUCCESSION WITHOUT GIVING THE HORSE A CHANCE TO RESPOND-SECOND OFFENSE WITHIN THE PAST SIXTY DAY PERIOD) DURING THE SIXTH RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACE COURSE ON FEBRUARY 29, 2020.

(2) MORNING VIOLATION

After being cited by the outrider, for galloping too close to the inner rail, jockey Barrington Harvey was issued the following ruling.

Ruling #58

PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1530 (CASES NOT COVERED BY RULES AND REGULATIONS), JOCKEY BARRINGTON HARVEY IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * FOR FAILURE TO OBEY THE INSTRUCTIONS OF THE MORNING OUTFRIDER- GALLOPING TOO CLOSE TO THE INSIDE RAIL.

(3) MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT

When it was reported that jockey Gerardo Vera could not get within the maximum allowable overweight in last night's first race, a replacement rider had to be named. As a result, the following ruling was issued.

Ruling #59

JOCKEY GERARDO VERA IS FINED ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$100.00) * FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1683 (MAXIMUM OVERWEIGHT), RESULTING IN A LATE RIDER CHANGE IN THE FIRST RACE AT LOS ALAMITOS RACECOURSE ON FEBRUARY 29, 2020.

(4) FRANCO AGAIN

Earlier today the investigators were informed by Los Alamitos security that they witnessed jockey Cesar Franco's car hit a fence as it left the grounds last night. Though the vehicle continued to drive away, several pieces of debris were left behind. This led to a thorough search by the investigative team this afternoon, which found Mr. Franco to be in possession of contraband. As a result, the Stewards issued the following ruling.

Ruling #60

JOCKEY CESAR FRANCO IS SUMMARILY SUSPENDED PENDING A HEARING FOR VIOLATION OF CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1890(C) (POSSESSION OF CONTRABAND-ELECTRICAL DEVICE).

DURING THE TERM OF SUSPENSION, ALL LICENSES AND LICENSE PRIVILEGES OF CESAR FRANCO ARE SUSPENDED AND PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA HORSE RACING BOARD RULE #1528 (JURISDICTION OF STEWARDS TO SUSPEND OR FINE), CESAR FRANCO IS DENIED ACCESS TO ALL PREMISES IN THIS JURISDICTION.

(5) TWO VOIDS

Two of the three claims from this evening's race card were voided by the Stewards after both runners failed Dr. Beck's post-race exam. Velynsky (claimed by B. Hoburg) was returned to the Treece stable, and Swiss Cheese (claimed by O. Heredia) was returned to trainer Bill Hoburg. Additionally, both runners were placed on the vet's list.

(6) DECLARATIONS, CHANGES AND REFUNDS

1 st Race	#2 Nahoy – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$294.85.
2 nd Race	#1 Jealous Jess – Rider change – R. Guce for C. Franco (Stewards) #3 Bonmont – Veterinarian scratch, unsound – Dr. Fitzgerald. Refund \$133.25.
3 rd Race	#3 Fandarel Dancer – Veterinarian scratch, sick – Dr. Beck. Refund \$173.21.
4 th Race	No changes; Refund \$0.00
5 th Race	#1 Apollitical Royal – Rider change – R. Lozano for C. Franco (Stewards). Refund \$0.00.
6 th Race	#1 Like Her So – Rider change – H. Lopez for J.P. Leon (overweight) #4 Mi Favorita – Veterinarian scratch, injured – Dr. Beck #6 Pow Wow – Rider change – O. Peinado for C. Franco (Stewards). Refund \$207.11.
7 th Race	#1 Razzel Dazzel – Rider change – H. Lopez for C. Franco (Stewards). Refund \$0.00

(7) DAILY ATTENDANCE & HANDLE

On track	467	\$80,595.40
Off track	1,765	\$377,223.80
Out of state	N/A	\$719,797.08
Total	2,232	\$1,177,616.28

TRACK SAFETY REPORT

The weekly inspection was conducted on March 1, 2020. There were no equine deaths to report. During this reporting period, 13 horses were added to the Veterinarian's List as follows: 7 for soundness, 3 for injury, and 3 for sickness. Twelve horses previously on the Veterinarian's List were examined and removed from the list. This report was submitted by Steward C. Scott Chaney.

SUMMARY

	Wed	Thurs	Fri 02/28	Sat 02/29	Sun 03/01	Week	Meet
Accidents	D		0	0	0	0	0
Cal-Bred Races	A		0	0	0	0	0
Claims	R		0	5	1	6	75
Disqualifications	K		0	0	0	0	6
Inquiries		D	0	0	0	0	14
Refunds		A	3	4	4	11	92
Rulings		Y	1	4	4	9	60
Voided Claims		S	0	0	2	2	8

Stewards' Attendance: Stewards Scott Chaney, Tom Ward, James Dreyer and Safety Steward David Nuesch were in attendance during this reporting period.

Scott Chaney, Steward

Tom Ward, Steward

James Dreyer, Steward

David Nuesch, Steward/Safety Steward